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RAGING TORNADOBRITAIN TO
EXPORT
MORE
WHISKEYLondon, Apr. 10.
British imbibers of Scotch whiskey face a drastic cut in their supplies this year as a result of a Government decision to export 75 per cent of the total whiskey output, according to a statement by the Scotch Whisky Association today.

Most of the whiskey would go to countries in the Western Hemisphere, chiefly the United States, a spokesman said.

Last year about 13,000,000 gallons were produced—compared with about 29,000,000 gallons in 1939. Britons would get about 25 per cent of the total output, and while this would be slightly higher than last year as a result of the increased grain allotments, the whiskey available for home consumption would be much less than before.

By careful management of their depleted stocks—comparatively little whiskey was made during the war years—of matured Scotch, the distillers have contrived to keep the home and export markets on a nearly equal footing.

But this is no longer acceptable to the Government. The Scotch Whisky Association agreed to the reduction in home supplies as a condition of obtaining grain allocations.

The new exporting proportion will come into effect on May 1 next.—Reuter.

MADAGASCANS
ATTACK TOWNAntananarivo, Apr. 10.
The French defences at Fafafangana, a coastal town 270 miles south of the capital of Antananarivo, and at Tamatave, 150 miles north-east of the capital, beat off attacks by Madagascans today, with considerable losses to the attackers, a semi-official French report said.

At Matangana 250 miles north of the capital, calls have been restored after fighting earlier this week.

French national police investigating the uprising said that they had discovered documents which incriminated a number of Madagascans as civil servants. The civil servants had been arrested and had confessed, it was stated.

A demand for a full dress discussion of the Madagascan revolt when the French National Assembly convenes on April 20 was filed today with the permanent bureau of the French National Assembly by M. Castellan, a deputy from Madagascar.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Another Curate's Egg

THE Ordinance amending the law relating to rent restrictions is a curate's egg which the majority of people will find decidedly unpalatable. An effort appears to have been made to strike a balance between tenants and landlords in the way of benefits and protection of interests, but the impression left is that property owners are going to be the principal gainers. Tenants cannot escape the sour fact that very soon they are going to be called upon to pay a 30 per cent. increase over the standard rent, act by the Ordinance as at December 25, 1941. Nor can any argument or pleading abolish an obvious effect—a reduction in living standards. A substantial section of public will also take issue over Government's decision to fix standard rent as at December 25, 1941, insofar that numbers of landlords during that year raised rents above the original standard rate by as much as 30 per cent. This means that when the new Ordinance becomes effective many tenants will be able to point to meeting an overall 60-70 per cent. increase. The authorities, apparently, are quite content to give support to this situation, inasmuch that provision is made for a Tenancy Tribunal to sanction rent increases up to the recognised standard rate if landlords had not raised them prior to December 25.

GENEROUS
DONATIONLisbon, Apr. 10.
The Governor of Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, has presented one thousand sterling from the official funds to the Mayor of Johannesburg's relief fund for Britain's flood victims, it was reported today.

Large numbers of private contributors are also reported to have been made recently by Portuguese residents in Mozambique.—Reuter.

Frightful Destruction

Woodward, Oklahoma, Apr. 10.
The raging tornado which swept a one hundred mile path through this rich cattle and wheat country is now estimated to have killed 152 persons, injured over one thousand and caused millions of dollars worth of damage. Rescue workers are probing the debris for bodies, and officials tonight said that the toll might be higher than estimated.

One-third of the town of Woodward (3,000 population) was flattened and here the heaviest casualties were reported—one hundred estimated dead.

The power and light in the town failed and emergency generators were used at the hospital and the dressing stations. Streets are blocked by debris, and motor-cars were rolled into knots as if they were pieces of tinfoil twisted between glinting fingers.

Survivors are wandering in the streets in a daze, still unable to realize what has happened.

Later reports place the Woodward death toll at 140 killed and more than 800 injured, according to the police officials.

Houses were piled up like matchsticks and a large part of the business area was destroyed. The Sheriff has posted guards to prevent looting, while doctors and nurses worked by candlelight at many points.

Fires blazed in the wreckage of the smashed buildings, but these were quickly put out by the torrential rain which followed the wind.

The village of Higgins, in the Texas "Panhandle" part of the 80-mile-wide belt of devastation, was levelled, except for three brick buildings. Bulldozers were used to clear the streets.

It is known the twenty people were killed in Higgins and another twenty at Glazier (Texas). Hospitals throughout the area were overcrowded long before all the injured were rescued from the ruins.

American Red Cross personnel, disaster crews, and medical aid have been rushed to the stricken region, and the police have hastily formed "vigilantes" to guard against looting and disorders.—Reuter.

CALIFORNIA
EARTHQUAKELos Angeles, Apr. 10.
A sharp earthquake rocked Los Angeles at 3:59 (GMT) this afternoon.

Tremors were also felt at San Diego and nearby communities but no reports of damage have yet been received.

In Long Beach buildings swayed perceptibly and the earthquake duration was estimated at forty to fifty seconds.

The California Institute of Technology's seismological laboratory at Pasadena said that its only available instrument was thrown off its track by the force of the tremor.

The tremor rocked most of southern California but there were no immediate reports of loss of life or serious damage. Seismologists said that it was deep-seated and probably severe in some localities.

Centres to the north and east of California reported only a slight tremor, while the shock was almost unnoticed in Owen Valley.

Although sharp in some sectors, the quake caused no serious damage in thickly populated areas and there were no injuries.

A shattered bank window in Glendale was apparently the most severe loss.—Reuter.

Ambitious Air
ProgrammeLondon, Apr. 10.
Lord Nathan, Minister of Civil Aviation, tonight outlined an ambitious programme for the nation's air services.

"We aim to fly and land in the thickest of weather," he said. "We fly near the speed of sound. We aim to fly eight miles high—and more. Not just transitory flights in pursuit of records but on regular services."

"Above all, we aim to make our civil aviation a safe and regular means of transport. We must make it a truly commercial business, run on business lines."

Lord Nathan, addressing the annual dinner of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, said that civil aviation would never be a real success until the word "adventure" was taken out of it.

It must become commonplace to succeed. "Just as soon as it becomes an accepted everyday means of transport it will flourish and expand in the way we all seek so earnestly."

He compared the air with the sea, saying that "as on the sea before it, British progress in the air must be forged into a national cult. Our children will look on it and say, 'This is our heritage'."—Reuter.

TRAGIC TASK
All available relief agencies hurried to the work of aiding the living and to the tragic task of digging out the dead. The State patrols of Oklahoma and Texas poured all available manpower into the shattered district. Fourth Army Headquarters at San Antonio rushed in blood plasma, doctors, nurses and medical supplies.

Scenes at the local hospital, and at the emergency hospitals set up to care for Woodward's 500 injured unless they could be moved to other cities, were pitiful. Dazed citizens moved through the buildings searching for missing members of their families. Injured children sobbed for their parents. Many injured were screaming and hysterical and kept repeating queries about the welfare of relatives, not thinking of themselves as doctors and nurses moved quickly from cot to cot.—United Press.

TROOPS TAKE OVER
FROM STRIKERSGlasgow, Apr. 10.
Troops today began unloading precisely United States and Canadian cargoes from two vessels held up in port here by a dock strike.

Glasgow's dockworkers stopped work 18 days ago in protest at the dismissal of 800 of their members.—Reuter.

The Indo-Chinese surrendered only after the police fired dozens of teargas shells into the caserne in which they were barricaded.

The police had surrounded the building with nets, but the two

ANOTHER SHOCKING COAL
MINE DISASTERExeter, Pennsylvania, April 10.
Nine people were reported killed today and nine injured by an explosion caused by gas in an anthracite coal mine here—the second United States mine disaster in 16 days.

Earlier reports said that there were only 17 men in the shaft when the explosion occurred and the official casualty report was awaited.

The explosion occurred at about 300,000 United States soft coal miners were absent from their pits, as a result of the "safe mine campaign" now being waged by John Lewis, United Mine Workers President, following the mine disaster at Centralia, Illinois, on March 22, when 111 miners were killed.

Lewis, who declared that the Centralia miners were "murdered by the negligence of Mr Julius Krug, United States Secretary of the Interior," called out his 400,000 miners followers on April 1 on a six-day stoppage in memory of those men.

He later told them to resume work in any mine certified as safe by the Government and yesterday it was estimated that about 107,000 had gone back.—Reuter.

U.S. And Britain Back French
Claim To Control Saar

Moscow, Apr. 11.

The United States and Britain agreed to the French demands today that the 738 square miles Saar and its 863,000 predominantly German population should be slashed from Germany and administered solely by France.

United States Secretary of State George C. Marshall proposed that the first steps toward that goal be taken by the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov promised a statement on Friday.

Both Marshall and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin opposed French demands that the industrial Ruhr be detached from Germany.

They also opposed the creation of a special regime for the Ruhr, or international ownership or management of that storehouse of German industrial resources.

He asked for the creation of a special Rhine regime "under the safeguards" of the United Nations Security Council.

He urged that "inadequate military forces" be stationed permanently in the Rhineland to guard against future German aggression.

Molotov did not speak on these issues.—Associated Press.

BIG BERLIN
ROUND-UP

MOSCOW, APR. 10.

M. Bidault, in one of the three statements circulated at today's session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, declared that France will view with indifference the constitution of the Rhineland either as one or several states. The other two statements gave France's view-point on the future of the Rhineland and the Saar.

"It is of course essential to take into account the wishes of the local population in determining the Rhineland's political status," M. Bidault said.

"On the condition of the occupation by the Allies, the state or states created in the Rhineland would enjoy complete autonomy."

These possibilities, said M. Bidault, would follow upon the application of the French principles expressed a year ago and the French delegation were ready to discuss all methods for their application.

"If we do not hold the Rhine permanently, not neutrality, disarmament nor written clause which ever will prevent Germany from seizing the Rhine," the French Foreign Minister added.

Mr. Bidault made a general statement on the British attitude to these and other frontier problems and Mr. Molotov asked for time to consider today's statements and will speak tomorrow when discussion is continued.

M. Bidault stated that France would "readily agree to relations of special character being established between the Rhineland countries and Germany."

Summarising France's position on the Rhine, M. Bidault reminded the Council that the fundamental aim of the French plan was the control of mining production and industries.

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British and American officials said many persons seized were released

between the Rhineland countries and Germany.

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ALHAMBRA & CENTRAL

• NOTE SPECIAL TIMES •

ALHAMBRA: 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 & 9.30 p.m.

CENTRAL: 12.30, 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

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He forecasts a General Election this year. by

W. J. BROWN, M.P.

MR MAURICE PRIVAT, who is the unofficial astrologer to Ministers in the French Government, has deduced from the stars two forecasts for 1947. The first is that Stalin will die and Russia become democratic. The second is that in Britain there will be a General Election and a change of Government.

As regards the first, I say nothing. The second shall be my theme for to-day.

THREE WAYS

A GENERAL Election normally comes in Britain only for one of three reasons.

One is the running out of the time-limit of a Parliament, which is five years. Another is the loss, by a Government, of its majority in the House of Commons. The third is when a Government, confronted with the necessity for action for which it has no mandate, deliberately dissolves Parliament with a view to getting a wider mandate.

Now this Parliament has lived for less than two years. It has over three to run before it exhausts its time-limit. The Government have not lost their majority in the House. They have a majority of 150 over all other possible combinations.

And so far they have not lost a single seat at a by-election.

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On the face of it, therefore, Mr Privat is plain sailing through his hat in forecasting a General Election in Britain. The obvious facts are all against him.

But if there is one lesson

more than another which life

has taught me, it is that there is

nothing in the world so misleading as the facts. That is one of

the reasons why intuition—the

"hunch"—is so often a more reliable guide than logic.

Again and again in my life

the facts of a situation have

plainly ordained that a certain

course should be taken. Again

and again the heart has said

"No." I have for the most part

obeyed the heart rather than the

facts when, six months hence,

the time comes to operate the

crisis. And slowly but surely we

shall come through our crisis.

It would perhaps be an overstatement to say that decisions should be based on anything but the facts. But the little devils

should be kept firmly in their

proper position, which is a sub-

ordinate one.

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crisis. And slowly but surely we

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But if the Government, for

fear of the TUC, backpedals on

what ought to be done; if the

TUC, for fear of individual

unions, is tempted to evade the

issues involved; if individual

trade unions put sectional in-

terests before the common in-

terests, then the necessary ac-

tion will be delayed and stultified.

In such circumstances the gulf

between the political set-up and

reality would become too great

to continue. Within the Labour

Party in Parliament the gap

would grow between those who

were prepared to take the nec-

essary steps and those who were

not.

For in a real crisis—and make

no mistake about it, this is a real

crisis, a crisis of the first dimen-

sion—even party men have a

habit of remembering that they

are Britons first.

A COALITION?

WHAT then would happen?

A Coalition? I think not—not at least without an election first.

For the Tories remember what happened to the last Coalition, and it is very doubtful whether they would accept the voting strength of the parties as at July 1945, as representing the opinion of the country in, say, September 1947.

So my counsel to politicians of all parties and of none is that they "should sleep in their armour."

If I see our Government fac-

ing up to the situation as firmly as the French and the Russians are doing, I may relax a little.

If not, I have the feeling that Mr Maurice Privat—upon whom I now confer immortality—may prove to be right.

NEWSREEL BY GRAHAM



Want the head up?



Now half Australia is out for 395.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

MONDAY, wind and weather in the stratosphere permitting, is the DAY.

Prodnoe: How could wind and weather affect such a mighty machine?

Myself: Mighty, I grant, but ex-

traordinarily delicate put together. "On Saturday," writes my correspondant, "a new era of world history will open, as the rocket Utopia soars far faster than sound, out into the dim untridden wastes of the upper stratosphere, out into that mysterious hinterland of lunar space which no eye has beheld."

Stores are being loaded, and the special galvanised ropes which will tie the passengers to the floor of the machine, until they are beyond the pull of gravity, are being coated with mychroze to make them retroversive to air-pressure.

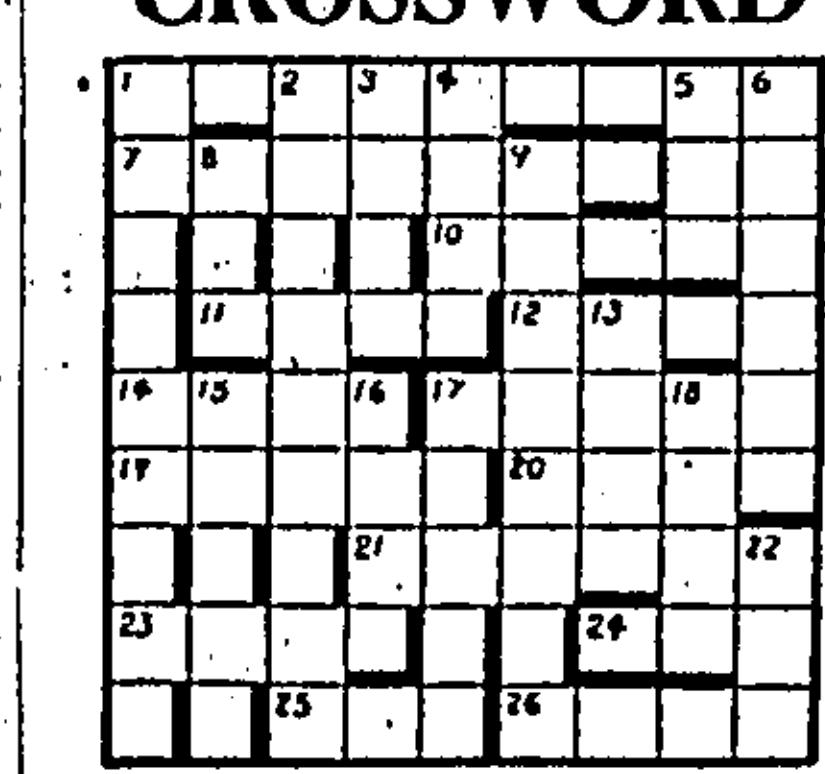
Scene in the House

WHEN Mr Zaizer asked the Minister whether he could say why the tax-payer's money should be used to pay for Miss Sloper's trip to the Moon, the reply was, "The Society of Cultural Relations with the Moon is paying for the trip." Mrs Vobbe: Do not their funds come from the Government? And therefore out of taxes? The Minister: I am glad of this opportunity to explain why Mr Teller: Why what? Mr Flit: Which question is the Minister answering? The Minister: Neither. I am endeavouring—series of "what about the Grant?"—to state why this is so. I am surprised that this young lady should be attacked in this manner. What we have to do is to find a way of—or rather to state what the position is with regard to these things being done. This cannot be done until the recommendations of the Committee are published in a Yellow Paper. (Cries of chagrin and rage).

Curiously enough

A STORY about a librarian who found a piece of bacon rind inserted in a book as a marker recalled to me the well-known anecdote about the absent-minded Rossetti, breaking one day with Carlyle. Rossetti was in one of his absent-minded moods, and was reading a book. Every time Carlyle interrupted him, he used a bit of rasher to mark his place. Finally Carlyle said, "Tale care! You're eating that egg you absent-minded fellow!" Rossetti once laid down his fork and placed the remains of the egg between pages 224 and 225. Carlyle had to get more breakfast cooked.

CROSSWORD



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By Ernie Bushmiller

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"Dear Lois Leeds—As the mother of a very pretty but very untidy little daughter, I want to help her learn neatness. Her hair is lovely but not as fresh and clean as it should be. Maybe a few words from you will help to point the way."

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Powder puffs should be discarded after two days of use or should be washed in warm, sudsy water. Dry them by pressing in a towel. Fluff them out by brisk tapping on the palm of the hand. They should then be allowed to dry out thoroughly in the sun. A clean brush makes for Clean hair!

Lipsticks and lipstick brushes can be cleaned after each application. The cleaner the beauty aids, the better the beauty job. Eyebrow brushes, powder brushes, combs—

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have long arms. Should I wear the new 'bracelet-length' sleeve?"—J. H."

I think an elbow length or full length sleeve would be the most flattering for you. Try the flattery of wide cuff bracelets if you choose the elbow sleeve. Keep the wrists flexible by exercise. Massage the skin with oil to make it smooth.

David Niven

The arrival of David Niven shortly has brought up the question of an actress for the Flora Macdonald part, and while the English talent scouts may be successful in their comb-out they have, in this writer's opinion, a ready-made Flora in the young Glasgow typist, Eileen Herlie, who, the critics say, is the greatest actress on the stage since Sarah Bernhardt. Whatever her abilities, Miss Herlie has made a poor play called "The Eagle Has Two Heads" into an outstanding success. It is back in London after a provincial tour. Miss Herlie, in the words of the Kansas City folks, would be a work of art.

Incidentally, Robert Stevenson, a distant relative of RLS, will come from Hollywood to direct the Prince Charlie film.

Formerly a shorthand typist for the United States Army in London and Frankfurt, she travelled to America by air only to find that her fiance wished to postpone the marriage because he was a student at a university with some years of study ahead.

Miss O'Callaghan started by air back across the Atlantic, got as far as Gander airport, Newfoundland, and then returned to New York.

She said that her fiance was Samuel-Robinson, a former first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Force.

They first met in London and later in Frankfurt. At LiGuardia airport, New York, she told correspondents that she would wait for Samuel to complete his education. "He is the only man for me," she smiled.

She then took off for the west.

Her ultimate destination was Los Angeles where she plans to become an actress.—Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Our son bought a new car so he could drive his wife and kids out West to see us, but he paid so much for the car that they can't afford the trip!"

GI's Do Not Favour German Redheads

BY WELLINGTON LONG

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

American soldiers marrying German brunettes prefer blondes and brunettes over redheads 105 to one, according to statistics compiled by Greater Hessia military government officials.

SCOTTISH NEWSLETTER

By Garry Liuizie

A couple of hundred years ago the English were swarming over the fair face of our country and that brave Hessian man, Prince Charles Edward Stuart, was pushing the boat out for France and a forgotten future. Now the English are back with us and the inspiration, once more, is Bonnie Prince Charlie. Only it is not "Charlie" they are after this time but a girl who could be a modern counterpart of his mentor, Flora Macdonald.

That dark-eyed black-haired beauty, who helped the Young Pretender to escape, plays a big part in a film the celluloid czars of Shepherd's Bush are finishing in the spring about the whole thing. Shepherd's Bush has come to Scotland in the shape of lynx-eyed talent scouts. The film people will have representatives at the amateur drama festival finals in Inverness and they will watch the young professionals at Scots music halls and theatres as well.

The Prince Charlie film will star Scottish born David Niven, who arrives from Hollywood shortly to do the interiors. The exteriors, or many of them, were filmed in the Highlands last summer. You may, or may not, remember that there was no little fuss, at the time, because large batches of boys' battle-dress were used in the crowd scenes. They were fortunate enough to be stationed in the area but a lot of people thought it was hardly the type of work for men still wearing the King's uniform in a time of emergency!

Formerly commissioned officers were proved as susceptible to the wiles of frauds as enlisted men, one officer said.

Formerly commissioned officers

are not sponsoring any marriages with street-walking frauds here," one officer said.

Americans seeking to marry

these girls are about 25 years of age.

Most of them have between two

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Countess Loses Jewels

London, Apr. 10. A mink coat and £1,500 worth of jewels were stolen last night from the home of Barbara, Countess of Moray, the police reported to-day.

The peeress is the widow of the 18th Earl of Moray and daughter of J. Archibald Murray of New York.—Associated Press.

Krakatoa Eruption Threatens

Batavia, Apr. 10. Krakatoa volcano which exploded in 1883 with the force of a thousand atom bombs and killed 30,000 people, is again threatening to erupt.

The American archaeologist and writer, Lawrence Griswold, who recently led an exploration party up the volcano, said today that its cone had built up 85 feet since 1940 and that it was belching gas and rock into the air every 45 seconds.

"One rock, which must have weighed over a ton, was thrown 60 feet into the air," Mr. Griswold said.

Two submarine explosions were also heard near the base of Krakatoa, which lies in the Sunda Straits between Java and Sumatra.

The large island on which Krakatoa sat disappeared in the eruption of 1883, which formed a cloud of cosmic dust, darkening the sun for more than a month and sent a tidal wave three times round the world.—United Press.

RAMADIER NOT UPSET

Paris, Apr. 10. The French Government does not consider that General Charles de Gaulle's speech at Strasbourg on Monday contained anything "of a nature which would upset the political life of France," the French Premier, M. Paul Ramadier, told his weekly press conference here today.

"The actual opinions expressed by General de Gaulle are not new and do not create any new situation warranting Government deliberation," he added.

"We do not have to go into conference every time a political figure makes a speech," he told a questioner who asked if the French Cabinet planned to discuss the General's speech.—Reuter.

Jewish Traffic

Paris, Apr. 10. M. Paul Ramadier, Prime Minister, said here today that the British Government had "never sent" as strong an official note to France asking her to take steps to prevent the clandestine embarkation of Jewish refugees from France to Palestine.

He added that reports of British requests to the French Government in this matter had been "greatly exaggerated" and tended to mislead public opinion as to the actual number of refugees who did embark clandestinely from France.

The British Government, through its Embassy here, has merely made a verbal request that we do everything possible to prevent Jewish refugees from obtaining forged passports and illegal passage from France," he added.

"The request referred to possibilities rather than to actual events.—Reuter.

Trieste Bomb Warning

Trieste, Apr. 10. A male voice telephoned a warning to 88th Division officers at the rest centre in the Grand Hotel today that three bombs would explode in seven minutes in reprisal for the death sentence passed on Maria Pasquelli.

The officers evacuated the hotel in a hurry, but the bombs failed to go off and a search revealed none.

Among guests in the hotel was Colonel John W. Chapman, president of the Allied military court which sentenced Pasquelli for the murder of British Brigadier Robin de Winton. Other guests were members of the Italian section of the Italo-Yugo-Slav boundary commission.—United Press.

New UNRRA Chief For China

Rome, Apr. 10. Harlan Cleveland, deputy chief of the UNRRA Italian mission, has been named chief of the UNRRA mission in China subject to approval by the Chinese Government, it was announced today.

Cleveland will succeed Maj. Gen. G. E. Egerton, who is at present the UNRRA director in China.—United Press.

Soviet Proposes United Nations' Supervision Of U.S. Aid To Greece

New York, Apr. 10.

Terming the Greek Government "irresponsible, corrupt, inefficient and an unpopular regime," Poland's Dr Oscar Lange opened the debate today on the Greek question in the Security Council by supporting the Soviet proposal for a supervisory commission on aid to Greece and opposing any American aid to Turkey.

Dr Lange declared: "We are told that the Greek state is threatened with political disintegration. Why should this be so after two years of British military and economic aid? Surely, it shows that there is something fundamentally wrong in Greece. Greece is torn by civil strife, but unity will not be fostered by supporting an irresponsible, corrupt, inefficient and unpopular regime."

He said that there was the accusation that Greek independence was threatened. "Is it threatened by patriotic guerrilla forces?"

Dr Lange declared that there was no justification for giving military aid to Greece, which he termed a "political dynamite." As for Turkey, its conduct towards the Allies during the war was anything but friendly.

"Why when we all intend to limit armaments should the United States propose helping Turkey to increase its armed forces?" he asked.

"If Turkey's national independence is threatened, we must ask for specification of the state which is alleged to threaten the independence of Turkey and summon that state before our Council."

Consistent With Charter

Replies to the Soviet charges that United States aid for Greece and Turkey was interference with the domestic affairs of these countries and inconsistent with the principles of the United States Charter, Senator Warren Austin told the Council: "The President's proposals to Congress were made pursuant to requests from the established government of Greece and Turkey."

"The proposed military aid is consistent with the Charter principles and is in respect of maintenance of domestic tranquillity and security of the state."

Senator Austin added: "In the situation in which we now find ourselves realistically, the United Nations does not represent infallibility or perfection. In this situation, it is understandable that Greece and Turkey at this stage in the United Nations' development should have turned to the United States for assistance."

"It is also understandable that the United States should not turn a deaf ear to such requests for assistance."

Senator Austin proposed a resolution asking the Balkan Investigating Commission to leave behind in Greece representatives to maintain watch on the northern frontiers.

Soviet Resolution

He also asked that the Soviet resolution requesting the formation of a United Nations Commission to supervise United States aid to Greece be deferred until action by the United States Congress and conclusion of agreements between the United States and Greece and Turkey.

Following Senator Austin, the Greek representative, Dr. Basilios Dendramis, told the Council that the Soviet proposal that United States aid should be supervised by the United Nations was "clearly designed" to encourage the minorities who were "attempting to replace democracy by a Communist dictatorship."

Greece welcomed a permanent United Nations Border Commission, but rejected the Soviet proposal, he said.

Dr Dendramis added: "The cause of the continuing difficulties in Greece is the support given from beyond Greece's northern frontiers to a very small minority in Greece, which is seeking by coercive means to bring Greece under Communist dictatorship."

The Council then adjourned until Monday, April 14.—Reuter.

Tito Will Now Talk Terms**RUSSIA WANTS BOYCOTT OF FRANCO MUSCLE MEN**

Prague, Apr. 10. A Soviet Russian demand that Franco Spain be expelled from the International Amateur Wrestling Federation moved the European wrestling championships, which will begin in Prague on Friday night, off the canvas and into the political arena.

Delegates from Russia, whose admission into the IAWF will be voted on at a meeting on Friday morning, told Federation officials they will insist on the expulsion of Spain as a condition to joining.

Spain, which sent neither wrestlers nor delegates to the tournament, is a IAWF member in good standing.

A Russian squad of 40 wrestlers, reserves and officials—the biggest of the tournament—arrived in Prague on Tuesday with two more Soviet officials expected later. Nevertheless, they were barred from interviewing the wrestlers, and it was learned that Soviet officials refused to announce the line-up even to tournament officials.

Three Conditions

Although the full congress of the IAWF will not be held until 1948 in London, when the new directors are chosen and rule changes discussed, the IAWF delegates in Prague are empowered to vote on Russian admission.

Russia, however, indicated she will ask for entrance with the following provisos: (1) that Russia be made one of the Federation's official members.

RECORD WHEAT CROP LIKELY

Washington, Apr. 11.

The Agriculture Department has forecast a record United States winter wheat crop of 973,047,000 bushels. The previous record was 873,893,000 harvested last year.

No production estimates were given for spring wheat or grain.—Associated Press.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Has it ever struck you, Bracebridge, that hunting might be said to be a 'closed shop'?"

Student Minority Favours Allied Discussion on China

Peiping, Apr. 10. Peiping's minority student element, claiming to represent the liberal viewpoint, has issued a statement favouring Soviet-American discussion of China as a step towards ending civil strife.

The statement also protested against the beating of Tsinghua University students and all the other "insolent and violent actions taken against us by special service men."

Two Tsinghua students, it was alleged, had been beaten up after their university bus was stopped at the Summer Palace.

The statement was published in the Tsinghua Weekly by certain student groups of Tsinghua, Yenching and Peita Universities. Observers estimate that the students involved total about 10 percent of the city's students. Their opposite numbers are the students belonging to the Kuomintang-backed San Min Chu Yi Youth Corps. Between them is the great body of students inclined to follow official leadership in matters of domestic policies.

The statement hit out at the current "Love Thy Country and Protect National Rights Movement." It said such slogans as "Oppose It National Intervention" cloaked a reactionary desire to prolong civil strife.

The statement said that the civil war, rather than any international discussion of this strife, has brought China to her present pass.

"We are against international interference," it said, "but not against well-meant just criticism proposed by any nation or nations. We consider joint American-Soviet mediation, internationally, and Government-Communist co-operation, domestically, to be compatible with our national well-being and conducive to world peace."

Reuter

German POWS**At Church**

London, Apr. 10.

A number of German officers of the Wehrmacht, Luftwaffe and Kriegsmarine, their uniforms somewhat threadbare after many months in prison camps, walked sedately today to St. Mary's Church at Nolton Bridgend for services.

As they filed into the church the organ was being played by the rector, the Rev. G. T. Gravell.

The rector revealed later that the Bishop of Llandaff had given permission for the prisoner officers to attend services at the church on special occasions.

The first such occasion was last Christmas, when 100 German officers came to the church without previous public announcement. Among the worshippers, there were Field Marshals Gerd von Rundstedt and Walther Von Brauchitsch as well as Admiral Voss, of the Germany Navy.—Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAIRS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close minutes earlier than the time stated below.

Friday, April 11.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Egypt, Europe, United Kingdom, via Southampton (Sea) 3 p.m.

USA, Central & South America, Canada, via San Francisco (No. Parcels for Canada) 3 p.m.

Australia, New Zealand (via Sydney) 4 p.m.

Kingmoong (Sea) 4 p.m.

Macao, Tainan, Takiaki (Sea) 4 p.m.

Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bassa, Cairo, Johannesburg, August, Marsella, London, New York, Canada (Air) 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling, Peking (Air) 3 p.m.

Chungking, Canton, Hohow, Kunming (Air) 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 12.

Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.

Straits, Rangoon, Calcutta (Sea) 10 a.m.

Macau (Sea) noon.

Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.

Shanghai, Honolulu (Sea) 3 p.m.

USA, Central & South America & Canada via San Francisco (No. Parcels for Canada) 3 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Egypt, Europe via London

Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Sourabaya, Sydney, Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Canton, Kwelain, Chungking (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Sunday, April 13.

Canton (Sea) 8.15 a.m.

Salon (Sea) 10 a.m.

Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.

Salon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland (Air) 10 a.m.

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